of the 8th Plan in large systems in urban areas and practically on demand in rural areas.

(c) 54 telephone connections have been allotted in Ranchi on out of turn basis since 1.4.1988.

(d) 182 temporary telephone connections have been sanctioned since 1.4.1988.

**Irregularities Regarding Deposit from Municipal Corporation Fund**

435. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Accountant of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi had pointed out irregularities regarding deposit of Rs. 24 crores from Municipal Corporation's funds in a subsidiary of the State Bank of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this was done in violation of the MCD resolution of 1970 that "The surplus money standing at the credit of any of the accounts of the Municipal funds etc. be deposited in equal share in nationalised bank only"; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINITRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that a sum of Rs. 20.26 crore was deposited in the State Bank of India, Chandni Chowk Branch by the Municipal Corporation with the approval of the Commissioner on 4.4.1990 from the G.P. Funds for a period of one year. On maturity, the sum of Rs. 23 crore was reinvested in the same bank under orders of the Chief Accountant on 4.4.1991 for a period of 3 months. The deposit was renewed for a period of 3 months under order of the Commissioner on 4.7.1991. The investment was renewed for a further period of 3 months under orders of the Commissioner on 4.10.1991 in the same bank. The then Chief Accountant claimed that the amount was being kept by the State Bank in a subsidiary company. This claim was refuted by the bank which confirmed in writing that the deposits were kept in the State Bank of India, Chandni Chowk branch. No irregularity was committed in depositing the fund in State Bank of India.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Replacement of Minorities Commission by Human Rights Commission**

436. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a demand to replace Minorities Commission by Human Rights Commission; and

(b) if so, whether this demand is under consideration of Union Government and the time bound programme to arrive at a decision?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Sir. It is proposed to give statutory status to the Minorities Commission.

**News Item Captioned "Bankon Mein Herapheri Karne Wale Giroh Ka Pardah Phas, Ek Pakra"**

437. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Bankon mein herapheri karne wale giroh ka pardah phas, ek pakra" appearing in the Janasatta dated October 14, 1991 wherein it has been stated that Kirti Nagar, New Delhi Police have brought into their net a gang doing hanky panky in the banks and post offices;

(b) if so, the details of the hanky panky of the gang and the action taken against them;

(c) the details of other police stations which have similarly brought into their net such elements; and

(d) the steps taken to further tighten the net bring into the net more such person who are engaged in cheating the public in one way or the other?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINITRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Recognition of Castes as SCs/STs in States**

438. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to amend the Constitution for recognition of SCs and STs recognised in a particular State, to all over India;

(b) if so, when such a bill is likely to be introduced; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Socio-economic condition of a community varies from State to State. A caste or community can not be categorised as a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribes on all India basis.

**Construction work of Studio of Port Blair**

439. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of the studio producing T.V. programmes at Port Blair Center has been undertaken; and

(b) if so, when the work was undertaken and the target date fixed for its completion and the expenditure incurred thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMAITON AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Civil works pertaining to Programme Generating Facility Centre at Port Blair were taken up in early 1988 and are now at final stages of completion. The Project is envisaged to be completed by March, 1992. An amount of Rs. 196.95 lakhs has so far been incurred on the Project.

**Villages in Karnataka Electrified during 1991-92**

440. SHRI RAMACHANDRA VEERAPPA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of electrified and unelec-